MR. S. SUBRAHMANYA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*) : Am I to understand that in the statement of arrears due from the several factories, credit has been given to the salt delivered to the Government in the course of this year ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : The statement gives the arrears pending at the close of 1101.

MR. S. SUBRAHMANYA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*) : Am I to understand that credit has been given to the quantity of salt delivered to the Government during the course of this year ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : May be.

MR. S. SUBRAHMANYA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*) : The statement gives the arrears due from the licensees. But a certain quantity of salt has been delivered to the Government towards these arrears in the course of this year. That does not seem to have been given credit to.

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : Information in regard to that has not been called for.

Remission of Salt.

13. MR. S. SUBRAHMANYA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): (1) Is it a fact that the Excise Commissioner recommended to the Government that the licensees in distressed circumstances should be given relief in the shape of remission of salt ?

(2) Is it a fact that a recommendation to this effect was made in respect of Avadhanial's factory during any of the last three years ?

(3) Will the Government be pleased to extend such concessions to all Government contractors in distressed circumstances ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : (1), (2) and (3) All recommendations made to the Government by heads of departments are intended for the Government alone and cannot ordinarily be made public.

Transport of Home Salt.

14. MR. S. SUBRAHMANYA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*) : (1) Are the Government aware that the contractor for the transport of home salt from Tamaracolam has refused to transport the Government salt fixed for transport from Sri Sankara Allom ?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to state why the contractor refused to transport the salt and what was done with the salt ?

MR. P N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : (1) and (2). As a portion of the salt fixed for transport from the Sri Sankara Allom was found to be somewhat powdery and moist, the contractor, fearing undue wastage, requested the Excise authorities that salt from some other factory might be delivered to him for transport. The permission was accordingly granted. The licensee was ordered to dispose of the salt himself and deliver to the Government good salt in lieu thereof.

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